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In re Patent Application of:)
Satoshi SHIBATA et al.)
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For: METHOD FOR PREDICTING)
TEMPERATURE, TEST WAFER)
FOR USE IN TEMPERATURE)
PREDICTION, AND METHOD)
FOR EVALUATING LAMP HEATING)
SYSTEM)

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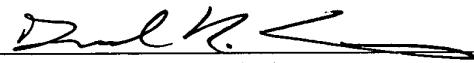
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